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The Legislature and its Work.

Through the courtesy of our very clever friend, DAN DOXMEYER, Esq., member of the House of Delegates, we are enabled to present this morning a list of the enactments of the Legislature, at the recent session, and the appropriation bill as finally passed. The total appropriations foot up \$346,783.32. To this add deficit of former year to be refunded to school fund, sixty thousand, and we have the total charges on the treasury for the year, in round numbers \$406,000. The finance committee of the Legislature in their majority report estimated the receipts of the current year at something over \$474,000, and if they are no greater this Legislature has overdrawn its account just as the last one did, and there would be a deficit at the close of the year of some \$32,000. But the committee in their estimate of receipts took no account of "large balances of back taxes due and unpaid." These, as stated by the Treasurer, amounted at the beginning of this year to \$235,000. The Auditor's estimate of the year's receipts is \$606,000, and he makes the estimate from an intelligent comparison with the receipts of the previous year. In this is included an estimate of some \$193,000 school tax, leaving receipts for general purposes \$413,000; which would leave a surplus of some \$7,000. But the Auditor estimates for a collection of less than \$39,000 back taxes of years before 1870, whereas out of the \$225,000 of such taxes due, there is reason to expect considerably more than \$80,000 will be collected. From the year lights before us, the receipts for the year ought to be several thousands larger than the demands on the treasury, leaving a surplus at the close of the year.

A glance at the summary of acts passed shows a mass of special and private legislation such as no Legislature has before enacted. The Legislature did well in the matter of appropriations as a whole, keeping the aggregate in moderate bounds, but they did anything but well in the character and quantity of legislation, a very large part of which is provided for by general laws. Very few measures of importance are to be found in the list. One was the adoption and submission of the Flick Amendment, the vote on which will be taken on the 4th Thursday of April, (not May, as heretofore reported.) Another was the act remodelling the election laws, doing away with a registration. Another was the act submitting the question of a constitutional Convention on the fourth Thursday of August. The apportionment failed altogether, chiefly, it is not wholly, because there had been no official publication of the census, and the power of the Legislature to make the apportionment on anything but official figures was doubtful. As to the Convention, we hear that in the southwest men of all parties are opposed to it, and some Democrats estimate the majority against it in that congressional district as high as 5,000.

Jefferson and Berkeley.

The status of the counties of Jefferson and Berkeley as territory of West Virginia is now assured beyond cavil. We have the intelligence this morning that the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday announced their decision in the suit brought by Virginia against this State to recover jurisdiction of those counties, a majority of the court holding that they belong to West Virginia. This is the decision of the ultimate tribunal and the end of the question.

This result we learn is very gratifying to a large majority of the people of both counties, as it is to all the rest of the people of the State, and it is very largely owing to the industry and great ability displayed by the counsel of West Virginia, Gov. CHAS. J. FAYLOR, of this city, and Hon. CHAS. J. FAULKNER, of Berkeley, in the recent argument in the case. They had to encounter some of the heaviest judicial metal in the United States as opposing counsel, among them Judge B. R. CURRISS, of Boston, and to have won their case against such opposition is justly a feather in the caps of Messrs. STANTON and FAULKNER.

It is this suit had gone against West Virginia, the consequences, in one particular at least, would have been quite unpleasant. It would have followed that the counties had never been part of this State; and all the taxes paid by them into the State treasury would have had to be refunded to Virginia. Those counties are among the most fertile in the State, and for 1870 they paid into the State treasury over fifty thousand dollars. We should have had to refund to Virginia somewhere between three hundred and three hundred and fifty thousand dollars at once. This is about what it takes to pay the current expenses of the State a year; and added to the present taxes would have made a pretty heavy tax rate for one year at least. But the State would have suffered quite a serious diminution of revenues for the future. The whole taxable basis of the State, in real and personal property, at the present assessment, is \$107,731,083, and of this Jefferson and Berkeley furnish \$11,182,735, or something over one-tenth. It will be perceived therefore that the winning of this suit has in it a more tangible and valuable element than the mere glory of success.

In the expiring Congress the Republicans had a majority of forty-eight in the Senate, and ninety-nine in the House. In the new Senate the Republican majority is forty, and in the new House thirty-three. The States of California, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Texas have not yet elected members of the House, thus leaving fourteen vacancies. These seats will probably be equally divided between the two political parties, thus fixing the Republican majority at thirty-three when the House is full.

An Act Appropriating the Public Revenue for the Fiscal Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-One.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

All payments heretofore made by the Treasurer of this State, in excess of appropriations authorized by law, and all payments made since the thirtieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, by virtue of appropriation made by the act passed March third, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled "An Act appropriating the public revenue for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy" under the provisions, or by virtue of any general or special law requiring such payments, if made upon warrants legally issued by the Auditor are hereby legalized, and all money remaining in the treasury on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, or that may have since been thereto paid, the surplus of all appropriations made prior to the eighteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and all money that may come into the treasury before the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, subsumed under the act passed March third, last, constitute a general fund, and be appropriated as follows:

For expenses of the Legislature of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, \$21,000.

For salaries of Judges of Supreme Court of Appeals and the Circuit Courts, \$31,000.

For salary of the Clerk of Supreme Court of Appeals, \$1,000.

For salary of the Reporter of the Supreme Court of Appeals, \$1,000.

For contingent expenses of Courts, \$2,000.

For support of Library Sup. Court, \$1,000.

For Criminal charges, the arrest and conveyance to jail, conveying to jail, witnesses, jurors, etc., \$24,000.

Printing 4 vol. Supreme Court Reports, \$2,000.

For support of convicts in the penitentiary, \$18,000.

For pay of guards at the Penitentiary, \$3,000.

For current expenses proper, of the Hospital for the Insane, \$25,000.

For transportation of patients to the Hospital for the Insane, \$1,500.

For expenses of Lunatics in Jail, and elsewhere than in the Hospital for the Insane, \$5,000.

For salary of the Governor, \$3,000.

For salary of the Auditor, \$1,500.

For salary of the Secretary of the State, \$1,000.

For salary of the Treasurer, \$1,400.

For salary of the Attorney-General, \$1,000.

For contingent expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the State, \$500.

For salary of Clerk in the Office of the Secretary of the State, \$1,000.

For contingent expenses of the Auditor's Office, \$1,500.

For salary of First Clerk in Auditor's Office, \$1,200.

For salary of Second Clerk in Auditor's Office, \$1,000.

For salary of Third Clerk in Auditor's Office, \$1,000.

For contingent expenses of the State Treasurer's Office, \$200.

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For salary of Clerk to the Superintendent of Free Schools, who performs the duties of Adjutant-General, \$1,000.

For salary of Superintendent of Weights and Measures, \$200.

For salary of Private Secretary to the Governor, \$500.

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For rent and contingent expenses of the Attorney-General's Office, \$200.

For pay of Janitor and Guards of Executive Offices and Capital Building, \$1,000.

For public printing, \$13,000.

For Clerk of the House of Delegates as Keeper of the Rolls, \$300.

For expenses of publication of births, deaths and marriages, \$100.

For balance due for rent and repair of Lindsey Institute in full, \$121.50.

For refunding overpaid taxes, Sheriff's commissions, &c., \$2,500.

For publication of notices of elections and other expenses incident to elections to be drawn only upon the order of the Governor, and shall be subject to his disposal, \$1,000.

For balance in full due the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution at Staunton, Virginia, \$300.

For balance due on account of insurance of State Library, \$25.

For coal and gas used in the Capitol Building, \$400.

For expenses incurred in removal to new Capital Building, \$200.

For payment in full of balance due to Rev. John Johnson for services as attorney for West Virginia in the suit of Virginia vs. West Virginia, in the Supreme Court of the United States, \$2,500.

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For printing the Code, \$10,000.

For payment in full of a balance due James H. Ferguson for services rendered in preparation and publication of Code, \$1,000.

For payment in full of balance due William P. Hubbard for services rendered in the preparation and publication of the Code, \$170.

For current expenses, salaries of teachers, &c., of the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, \$20,000.

For furniture for the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, \$2,000.

For salaries of teachers at current expenses of Marshall College, State Normal School, \$2,500.

For J. H. Rider, expenses at Marshall, \$43.

For salaries of teachers at current expenses of Fairmont branch of the State Normal School, \$2,000.

For salaries of teachers at current expenses of West Liberty branch of the State Normal School, \$2,000.

Expenses Board Regents State Normal Schools, \$250.

For salaries of teachers at current expenses of the West Virginia University, \$2,500.

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For the further construction of the Hospital for the Insane, \$50,000.

For the further construction of the wall around the Penitentiary, \$50,000.

For the construction of buildings for the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, \$15,000.

For the construction of a monument at Antietam, to be placed at the disposal of the Governor and drawn only on his order, \$1,000.

To the West Virginia University for an endowment fund, and to be used for that purpose only, \$10,000.

For salary Vaccine Agent, Charleston, \$100.

For furnishing Capitol building, \$1,500.

For immigration purposes, to be placed at the disposal of the Governor and drawn only on his order, \$1,500.

Balance for Public Printing, (John Frew), \$3,263.73.

For J. H. DeBar, \$1,000.

It shall be lawful to make any payment authorized by this act at any time prior to the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

No money appropriated heretofore shall be drawn from the Treasury except as the same may be actually required for immediate use.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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My name, Miss Barr, was visiting two and was introduced by me to some of my acquaintances, who understood me to be introducing Mrs. Barr and accordingly reported that I was married. The report is calculated to